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### A SOUND PLATFORM.

convention assembled to nominate a legislative ticket, adopted a first-rate platform. In brief, it commits the party to the time-honored principles rigid system of accounting for the pub- broiled spicens. lic funds in every department of the sonal responsibility for their acts, and tegrity of the judicial officers of this the "Maid's Tragedy": it declares for temperance, but favors "the distinctly democratic prining that of local option, in the sale of in practical force and operation, enthe sale of whiskey has been prohibin nearly every county and city clares for "a law allowing any com-munity, city, or town to prohibit the

middle, up and down and all the way

"The devil," says he, "isn't anybody's fool. Lots of men will tell you that there isn't any devil. That he is just and that it can be enticed, a figure of speech, a poetic personination of the sin in our natures." People who says that there is money in the old land yet and that it can be enticed.

The cash which the city receives for her bonds will be turned loose at once, blow you says that there is money in the old land yet.

By Times-Dispatch Carrier Delivery Ser- It has always been a puzzle to uvice in Richmond (and suburbs), Manches- why an evangelist like Sunday, or Sam list-should be able to stir up and bring to repentance thousands of sin-never touched. But such is the fact, by appearances, they conclude that a sensational evangelist is a more efficient means of grace than an ortho dox minister. And this is the wors Persons wishing to communicate with The feature of evangelistic meetings. They cen- tend to disparage and demoralize th orderly work of the organized church if men and women who enthuse over evangelists will make a fair com When calling between 6 A. M. and 9 putation, they will ascertain that M. call to central office discussions office; 4043, by evangelists, thousands and tens of thousands in the aggregate are made

by the regular ministry. The world must be saved, if at all, by the steady systematic, persistent work of the church organization, and not by evangelistic spasms.

The evangelist has his place and his work, but he is at best but an agent, and must never be countenanced as substitute for the ordained minister.

After this, when you see a fresh a part spleen lying around, don't fail to pick erick." it up, put salt on its tail and send it by fast messenger to the cook.

Dr. Edward T. Williams, of Boston, Mass., emerges from the unlighted background as the justifier of the above remark, and the vindicator of a once contemned segment of animal anatomy. Dr. Williams, who has been investigating the interiors of creation, insists that spiens are all right. They insists that spleens are all right. They contain more phosphorus than any other organ except the brain. tendency to concentrate in the hold three-fourths of a grain of iron hands of the Federal government and one and one-half grains of phospowers not contemplated in the forma-tion of the government, and views with solicitude the constant aggres-sion upon the reserved powers of the States: it opposes "unlawful combina-at sixty or so, still shie to get about to be.

However, the Texas preacher who de-clares that the Houston people are the most profane in the world probably would not deny that they have a right to be. States; it opposes "unlawful combina- at sixty or so, still able to get about commonly known as trusts, by and peer into neglected corners of competition in trade is de- biology, still able to sit at table and

The spleen is a non-glandular, highly The spleen is a non-glandular, highly vascular organ, situate in the left hypochondriac region, of an oblong hold all public officials to a per-life responsibility for their acts, and ands prompt and vigorous proserving the spleen is a non-glandular, highly vascular organ, situate in the left hypochondriac region, of an oblong flattened form, dark livid-red in color, or the spleen is a non-glandular, highly vascular organ, situate in the left how soon he can hope to get into the malefactor-of-great-wealth class.

Conceivably, many an enterprising business head is now busy figuring business. lowest; it insists upon a system that hypochondriac region, of an oblong demands prompt and vigorous prose- rest of it in the reference books. From cution of any corrupt or dishonest of- the standpoint of sentiment, literature whoever he may be. It con- and poetry, the spleen is noteworthy "the malign tendency of the Re- as the alleged seat of certain emopublican party to deprecate the in- tions. Thus Beaumont and Fletcher in

"I thought that spleens would break and they laughed us all Out of the room."

importation of liquor into their terri- diet of man, novel provender, the po-It commends the State admin-tential rival of beefsteak. Dr. Wil-bathing-suit's chances for a long life? the enlightenment and experience of nually to our food supply and will save these golden September days. educated and trained men can devise." the country \$5,000,000 a year. Nor is of for already the enterprising doctor is thought. Democratic virility, tempered with wise negotiating with a sausage-maker to discretion. It is Virginian to the put this pleasing and appetizing article on the market in sausage form, to the through, and is delightfully free from early gastronomic gratification of a

years of his ministry has converted over one hundred thousand men and women to a public acknowledgment of their belief in Jesus Christ as the only means of salvation.

Billy preaches according to the tricks he learned on the "diamond"—he catches the sinner between bases and runs him down. He doesn't plead with the intermediate the intermediate the county funds. Why should we not be as careful of the latter?

The efforts of your paper in behalf of good government cannot be uninment in business can profitably employ all their own capital, and can afford to pay seven and eight per cent, for borrowed capital, it is not to be expected that four and a half per cent.

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The intermediate thousand is a "success." In one sense the county funds. Why should we not be as careful of the latter?

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I know that there are many who are glad to see The Times-Dispatch employees the lesson taught by the removal of Mr. Hechler.

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there isn't any devil. That he is just a figure of speech, a poetic personic ration of the sin in our natures. People who say that—and especially the sneaking, time-serving, hypecritical ministers who say that—are learned to the Bible he of the Salving. Liars! They are calling the Holy Bible at the Jil believe the Bible he of time-serving, the deriving societified, smirking ministers! No, sir You take God's Word for it; there is a devil.

"On! but the deyil is a smooth guy, He was in the lifetime of the Salving, and he is now. He is right on his job all the time Just as he appeared to Christ in the wilderness he is right there is the interesting information that over the Christ's sacrified provided and granulus that the total that the total that the total that the wilderness he is right to his job; all the time Just as he appeared to Christ in the wilderness he is right to the interesting information that over the Christ's sacrified provided with a sile and down that, trying to make you sinners indifferent to Christ's sacrified for which the last song is sung, the last prayer said, and we have all passed out into the victor. The cash which the city receives for the sacrone, and will flow back into circulation, when the cash while the city receives for the sacrone, and will flow back into circulation, while the city receives for the sacrone, and will flow back into circulation, while the city receives for the subject to the passengular passe, and the cordiality with the disappointed at the bids, but at heart Wall Street seemed to be disappointed to the bids, but at heart Wall Street is very much relieved and granted at the bids, but at heart Wall Street seemed to be disappointed to the bids, but at heart Wall Street is very much relieved and granted the bids, but at heart Wall Street seemed to be disappointed to the bids, but at heart Wall Street seemed to be disappointed to the bids, but at heart Wall Street seemed to be disappointed to the bids, but at heart Wall Street seemed to be disappointed.

Nor See he m damnation. In closing a sermon at Fairfield, lows, he said:

"To-night, when the last song is sung, the last prayer said, and we have all passed out into the night, and Fred has switched off the lights and the lights and the lorse and carriage are coming place is dark—your cnance, sinner, will be fore then, it is hardly likely that it will sver be so nearly won again. You may be supposed to the surpassed where speed will see the free the next shade the control of the lights and the lorse and carriage are coming will sver be so nearly won again. You may not heart. To-morrow." But the lorse and great power are essential, there is a prospect that his beauty in your heart. To-morrow." But the lorse and serious to have ready in time, the corrected for the uses of the clief executive. There is a prospect that his beauty in your heart. To-morrow." But the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted and historic in Mexica, the corrected for the most noted the claim date. Easily because the diamonds, the diamonds at the Listh Pyral about thirty miles from Caron. The cast of Chaptelles and the diamonds at the Listh Pyral about thirty miles from Caron. The ca

# POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fall to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Eliot

### Tell Me Not Now.

By WILLIAM WATSON.

Tell me not now, if love for love
Thou canst return.—
Now while around us and above
Day's flambeaux burn,
Not in clear noon, with speech as clear,
Thy heart avow,
For every gossip wind to hear;
Tell me not now!

Tell me not now the tidings sweet. Tell me not now the tidings sweet,
The news divine;
A little longer at thy feet
Leave me to pine.
I would not have the gadding bird
Hear from his bough;
Nay, though I famish for a word,
Tell nie not now!

But when deep trances of delight

All nature seal, When round the world the arms of Night Caressing steal, When rose to dreaming rose says, "Dear, Dearest,"—and when Heaven sighs her secret in earth's ear.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day

### price of high-class horses. Virginia does not produce automobiles, but i is gratifying to recall that the quality of the Virginia horses was never never more in demand than at present.

is a clever rhymester and an able jurist. During a recent visit to Virginia ist. During a recent visit to Virginia
he scribbled off for the amusement of
a party of friends the following "timSo she pledged a troth to Harry. a party of friends the following "lim-

"There was a young man so benighted
He never knew when he was
slighted.
He went to a party,
And ate just as hearty
As though he'd been really invited."

An Arkansas minister recently slev

Now that Mr. Hearst, too, is called "conservative," It seems up to the lextleographers to discover a nice new word to mean what "conservative" used to mean.

An Arab, according to a floating Different. paragraph, drinks nine or ten cups of coffee a day, which is probably among the reasons why he remains an Arab. Conceivably, many an enterprising

temporary. Whiskey is an abomina-tion to the Lord and a very present help in time of thirst.

It is barely possible, however, that the four American sailors who were recently "mobbed" at Hakodate, Japan, rather deserved to be.

Tankern Ferli.

Mrs. Dashaway: "Yes, while we were in Egypt we visited the pyramids. They were literally covered with hieroglyphics."

Mrs. Newrich: "Ugn! Wasn't you afraid some of 'em would git on you?"—Philadelphia Record.

Texas has soaked the harvester trust for \$35,000, thereby impressing upon skeptical neighbors that she is really doing a fine business.

If, as the Shreveport Times alleges,

The civil and succulent Old Virginia

As we understand Mr. Roosevelt, he

You call them affinities if you have wife living.

the taint of Western Populism. We congratulate the Democrats of Washington and commend their platform to other counties in the State.

BILLY SUNDAY'S PREACHING.
It is said that Mr. Billy Sunday, the "baseball svängelist." in the twelve years of his ministry has converted over one hundred thousand men and

Richmond, Va., September 7, 1907.

Rhymes for To-Day

OLLY Juned at Ocean Beach:
She is very young and silly,
But she looks, and is, a peachSo she got engaged to Billy.

She Julied at Summer Lake, Where young men come down and

She went on to Camp Hooray There to August in the grottoes:
And, as they canoed one day,
She annexed a ring of Otto's,

She's Septembering on Mt. Blue Till the city season's ready, Where, if all reports be true, She is near-betrothed to Freddy.

So I'm not disturbed unduly: Let her toy with fiances— She will marry just yours truly, H. S. H.

### MERELY JOKING,

Ancient Indeed.

Gunner: "I thought roof gardens were something new. This paper says they had them in ancient Egypt. According to that, they are old."

Guyer: "Not half as old as the jokes you hear on them, old man."—Chicago News.

"He took me to the opera,"
"Wasn't that grand?"
"No, comic."—Cleveland Plain Dealer

Another Eastern Peril.

A Helpless Diner.

and they laughed us all
Out of the room."

And the great bard says;
"A hare-brained Hotspur governed by a spleen."

And again of Venus:
"A thousand spleens bear her a thousand ways."

But it is not as the fanciful home of passions that we of to-day ar; concerned with this odd organ. We view it with new interest as the rayerled.

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Then, too, it is pleasanter to sit in the hotel and "dash" the pole than to sit on the fo'c'sle of an airship and dash at it.

It costs \$140,000,000 a year to run New York City, but the young millionaires from Pittsburg feel that it is worth it.

A Helpless Diner.

A Denver man had a friend from a Kansas ranch in the city on a business deal, and at noon they went to a downtown remaurant and had luncheon together. The Kansas ranch man at his entire meal with his kinife. When he was near, the end he discovered to the band on fork. "Bay," he said to the Denver man, seriously.

"Well, you don't need one," replied the Denver man, seriously.

"The deuce I don't," came from Kansas.

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The Trapper's Deduction,

The professor had complained that the world in general still looks on science in a slighting way, and that reminded one of his companions of a story of a Western trapper.

The trapper, noticing a place where roots had been dug up, examined the spot carefully. Then, as he rose and brushed the earth from his knees, he said, with calm conviction:

Sisters at Fredericksburg.

Mrs. I. N. Vaughan has returned from the apartments at the Chesterfield.

Miss Cally Ryland will leave on Thursday to visit friends in Albemarle country.

Miss Henningham Lyons Ellett left on yesterday for New York to spend

"Hello, Rummel, I hear your watch has been stolen?"
"Yes, but the thief has already been arrested. Only fancy, the stupid fellow took it to the pawnshop! There it was at once recognized as mine, and the thief was locked up."—Fliegende Blaetter.

Miss Margaret Hunter, of Maysville, Ky., is the guest of Mrs. R. T. Hunter, 215 East Franklin Street.

Miss Lella E. Gilliam has returned after a delightful visit to Miss Carrie Moseley in Lynchburg.

Miss Julia Osterloh is visiting Mrs.

### BACKHAND BIFFS AT TIMES-DISPATCH

THE Atlanta Georgian, the discoverer of the theory that paragraphers never go to heaven, ought at least to let us know what has become of the nature fakes of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.—Houstor

The Richmond Times-Dispatch boasts of its "August," just as though, it came bu once a year in that town,—Charleston New and Courier.

A Kansas town council recently presented the local brass band a gift of \$150. The Richmond Times-Dispatch thinks it probably was hush money, but our idea is that the council merely wanted the band to blow itself for a good time.—Scheneutady Star.

With neat sarcaym the Richmond Times-Dispatch remarks: "If the Charlotte Observer again says that the Southern States are in rebellion, we shall tell Dr. J. William Jones." And then Dr. Jones would proceed to put on a fresh coat of war paint.—Knoxville Tribune.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Royal Berlin opera has engaged Francis MacLennan, the American tenor, for five years, allowing him the unusual privilege of singing his parts in English until he can speak better German.

Rev. Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, of Baltimore, has completed a tour of the United States, covering about 11,000 miles. At one time or another he has visited almost every country on the globe. He left Baltimore on June 25th.

Prof. Albert M. Lythgoe, Egyptologist, has returned to New York from Europe, after an absence of one year, most of which was spent making excavations at the Listh Pyramid, about thirty miles from Cairo. The work has been conducted through the Egyptian exploration fund of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The castle of Chapulleres, the official

# SOCIAL and **PERSONAL**

R ICHMOND people are interested in a pretty surprise wedding which was celebrated yesterday at Ocean View, Va., when Miss Sarah Jane Bryant was married to Mr. Elder Pierce Reynolds, the Rev. Gerald Culberson officiating.

The bride is a popular young lady of Church Hill and Mr. Reynolds is a graduate of the Masonic Home of Virginia, and is at present holding a cierical position in the general Chesapeake and Ohio railway offices, this city.

city. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds will make their home with the parents of the

The Stay-at-Home Units.

The Stay-at-Home Whist Club met in the home of Mrs. C. W. P. Brock Monday evening. Winners in the game were Mrs. S. W. Travers and Mrs. Brock. The next meeting of the club will be with Miss Claire Gulllaume, No. 7 East Grace Street.

Romantic Wedding. Mr. John E. McIlhenny, former member of the Louisiana State Senate, and a Rough Rider who made the dash up San Juan Hill beside Colonel Civil Service Commission and a fac-g Roosevelt, present member of the Civil Service Commission, and a favorite in the household of President and Mrs. Roosevelt in Washington, is to be married in December to Miss Stauffer, of New Orleans, a granddaughter of General Dick Taylor, of the Confederate Army, and a great-granddaugh-

General Dick Taylor, of the Confederate Army, and a great-grandaughter of President Zachary Taylor.

This announcement has caused a flutter in the smart set of Washington, where the handsome young Southerner has been very popular. He is heir to a great fortune made by his predecessors in tobasco sauce, and his family owns also large sait mines on Avery Island, off the Louisiana coast. Miss Stauffer is nearly related to the Dandridge and other prominent Miss Stauffer is nearly related to the Dandridge and other prominent Virginia families.

To Governor Dencen.

To Governor Deneca.

Executive Commissioner and Mrs. J.
A. Humphrey have issued invitations
in behalf of the Illinois commission at
the Jamestown Tercentehnial Exposition to a reception to be tendered Governor Charles S. Deneen, of Illinois, at
the Illinois State Building, Jamestown
Exposition Grounds on Saturday evening, from 9 to 11 o'clock. The reception is a part of the program of
exercises in connection with the celebration of Illinois Day at the exposition.

### Jacob-Briggs.

Mr. I. D. Briggs announces the mar-Mr. I. D. Briggs announces the marriage of his daughter, Lillie Beile, to Mr. Henry Jacob, Jr., formerly of this city, but now connected with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Cincinnati. The ceremony, which took place on Monday, was performed in the home of the bride by the Rev. G. H. Spooner, and was witnessed by only the immediate family. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob will reside in Cincinnati.

Chapter Meeting

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Chapter Meeting.

Richmond Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold their first autumn meeting this morning at 11:33 o'clock in Lee Camp Hall.

What Auxiliary Thinks.

Lee Camp Auxiliary is opposed to a uniformed female choir and to the idea of such choir members holding rank, or indicating the same by insignia on their uniform.

The president of Lee Camp Auxiliary, who attended the Confederate Veterans'

meeting at Lee Camp Hall on Friday last, to express the views of the

auxiliary, was much surprised at the report circulated yesterday.

The auxiliary is not opposed to the choir or the singing of Confederate songs. It indorses such an idea because songs. It indorses such an idea heartily.

But it will always be unalterably opposed to the proposotion to have the choir don the Confederate gray and as-

### sume official rank.

Mrs. William E. Franck has feturned to her home after a most delightful visit of three weeks to Mrs. Henry B. Pearson, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Charles J. Theimer, of Charlottes-

ville. from a brief visit to his mother and sisters at Fredericksburg.

after a delightful visit to Miss Carrie
Moseley in Lynchburg,
Miss Julia Osterloh is visiting Mrs. John Kerr Branch at her summer home in Dutchess county, New York.

Mrs. Robert W. Watkins and Miss he month of September at the Meck-

Miss Mamie Kelley is the guest of relatives in Newport News, Mrs. Mollie Gentry is visiting the family of Dr. T. O. Jones in Harrison-

burg. Mrs. A. A. Smith and Miss Bessle Smith, who have been spending the summer at the Brunswick Inn, Waynes-boro, will return to Richmond next week and be located for the winter at

215 East Franklin Street. Judge and Mrs. Beverly T. Crump ave moved to their new home on Shafer Street. Mr. and Mrs. Duff Green, of Fred-

ericksburg, are spending some time in

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Jr., and son, Mr. Jacob F. Miller; Mr. Jacob Miller, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heineman, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. Augusta Bode, in Fredericksburg. Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Antrim have taken the Crump house, on West Grace

Miss Helen Leylander, of Newpor News, who spent last winter in Rich-mond, will leave this week to enter the

Prof. J. J. Stevenson, of New York University, and Frot. W. M. Davis, of Harvard University, are among the Americans who will attend the celebration of the centennial of the foundation of the Geological Society. London, which will take place at the end of next month.

Drof. About M. Luthroe, Egyptologist, has

# The Powers and Maxine

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Lisa Drummond, an unlovely American, practically declares her love to 1vor Dundas, only to learn that he is in love with her half-sister, Diana Forrest. Without being seen Lisa overhears a conversation, in which the Foreign Secretary offers Dundas a mission to Paris to carry an important package to Mademoiselle Maxine de Renzie, a noted French actress, who is a British political spy. As Dundas once had a flirtation with Maxine it was supposed that the true object of his visit would not be guessed. After receiving the package for Maxine and learning that her flance is the Vicounte du Laurier, Dundas bids the Foreign Secretary adieu. Lisa escapes unseen, but manages before going to sleep to extract from Diana the admission that Dundas had proposed that night.

Acting under the advice of Lisa, Diana goes to the depot and means Dundas goes to the d

sion that Dundas had proposed that night.

Acting under the advice of Lisa, Diana goes to the depot and meets Dundas as he is about to take the train. Diana goes to the depot and meets Dundas as he is about to take the train. Dundas feels that he cannot explain why he is going to Paris, but admits that he will see Maxine, Diana, cut to the quick, tells him flaity that if he sees Maxine he need never return to her. The departure of the train prevents any further conversation, and Dundas forces his way into a reserved apartment with three strangers. He paid little attention to these men, for his thoughts were with Diana. The secret papers were in Dundas's pockets, and he did not feel alarmed until he saw the two sporting men keep glancing at the small man, who grew hervous. As the train pulled up at the pler Dundas waited behind to keep away from the crowd and to watch his fellow travelers. In the hurry to set aboard the small man throws his arms around Dundas, But the cass seems still safe in his breast pocket. Proceedings at once to his hotel in Paris Dundas hands the packet to Maxine. In the midst of their interview police break into the apartment and demand the package, of which Maxine and Dundas nedy all knowledge. The police begin a search. Slowly they searched the room, and at last found in a safe a leather case. It was not the packet which Dundas had brought, but the police were satisfied. Maxine prayers the police fore it apart, and the prayers the police fore it apart, and cast caught her he felt her thrill with the joy of life. The police departed apole-sectiand that he had no other, that he must have been robbed.

Maxine pretended to faint, but as Dundas clared that he had no other, that he must have been robbed.

Maxine tells tove that the packet should have held a secret treaty between France and Russia, which she stole from her fance, Viconite du Laurier.

(Chapter V .-- Continued.)

a famous and wonderful diamond neck-lace of her's to Amsterdam, selling the stones for her there, and having them replaced with paste. It was all to be done very secretly, of course, so that the Duke shouldn't know, and Raoul done very serretty, the couldn't refuse. He had no idea of telling me this story, that day when he 'lost his head,' while we were bidding each other good-by before his journey. He didn't mention the name of the Duchess, but said only that he had leave, and was going to Holland on business. But while he was away a dreadful thing happened—the most ghastly misfortune—and as we were engaged to be married, he felt obliged when he came back to let me know the worst."

"What was the dreadful thing that happened." I asked as she paused, pressing her hands against her temples.

pressing her hands against her temples.

"The necklace was stolen from Raoul by a thief, who must have been one of the most expert in the world. Can you imagine Raoul's feelings? He came to me in despair, asking my advise. What was he to do? He dared not appeal to the police, or the Duchess's secret would come out. And he couldn't bear to tell her of the loss, not only because it would be such a blow to her, as she was depending on the money from the sale of the jewels, but because she knew that he was in some difficulties, and might be tempted to believe that he'd only pretended the diamonds were stolen—while really he'd sold them for his own use."

"As she's fond of him, and trusts him, probably she would have thought no such thing." I tried to comfort Maxine. "But certainly, it was a rather bad fix."

"Rather had fix! Oh, you laconfo

words. As for me—well, there was nothing I wouldn't have done to help him—nothing. My life would have been a small thing to give. I would have given my soul. And already a thought came flashing into my mind. I begged Raoul to wait, and say nothing to the Duchess, who didn't even know yet that he'd come back from Amsterdam. The thought in my mind was about the commission from your Secretary for Foreign Affairs. As I told you, I'd just sent him word in the usual cipher and through the usual channels, that I couldn't do what he wanted. He'd offered me eight thousand pounds to undertake the service, and four more if I succeeded. I believed I could succeed if I tried. And with the few thousands I'd saved up, and selling such jewels as I had, I could make up the sum Raoul had been told to ask for the necklace. Then he could give it to the Duchess, and she need never know that the diamonds had been stolen. All that night I lay awake thinking, thinking. Next dar, at a time when I knew Raoul would be working in his office, I went to see him there, and cheered him up as well has I could. I told him that in a few be working in his office, I went to see him there, and cheered him up as well as I could. I told him that in a few days I hoped to have eighteen or twenty thousand pounds in my hands—all for him. To jet him have the money would make me happier than I'd ever been. At first he said he wouldn't take it from me—I knew he would say that! But, at last, after I'd cried and begged, and persuaded, he consented; only it was to be a loan, and somehow, some time, he would pay me back. couldn't have been anywhere for long. There are three keys to that safe,' said Raoul. 'One is kept by the President,' one is always with 'he Foreign Secretary; this is the third;' and he showed me a strange little key ufferent to any I had seen before. 'Oh, do let me have a peep at these wonderful papers,' I pleaded with him. Before coming I had planned what to do. Round my throat I wore a string of imitation pearls, which I'd put on for a special purpose. But they were for a special purpose. But they were

derful papers. I pleaded with him. Her Banes, Victonite du Laurier.

(Chapter V.—Continued.)

"A week ago. You've been engaged only a week'r J broke in." Not many day broke in." Not many day thou he would have been engaged in the wouldn't have told me, ever the he wouldn't have told me, ever the he wouldn't have told me, ever the he did tell, if he hadn't lost his head a little. He hadn't meant to speak, it seems, for he's poor, and he thought he had no right. But what's a man worth who doesn't lose his head when you worth who doesn't lose his head when you would marry, as I didn't care to a week would marry, as I didn't care to a week would marry, as I didn't care to a week would marry, as I didn't care to a week would marry, as I didn't care to a week worth who doesn't lose his head when yengagement gossipped about, for months on end. There were reasons who was an international to the truth found out, or rather, suspected what had happened, the very head of the worth who was an international to the worth who was an international to the worth who was an international to say into to them. Count Godenan will be suspect, so I saw by his that he did suspect. Oh, a hateful person. I've refused him three times of a grain do do for a woman who was an entitle to the worth who was an entitle to the worth who was an an extraction of the worth who was an an acceptable with the worth who was an an extraction of the worth will be revered to think of Raoul was going away that very night. He had an errand to do for a woman who was an entitle to the worth who was an ordered to the worth



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